"North Carolina sock manufacturers have made some of the most innovative technological productivity advancements in the world. The industry has taken significant strides in enhancing its capacity for "quick turn" production and developing new markets. But the federal government must take more aggressive action against China's unfair trade practices, if U.S. manufacturers are to compete effectively in a global marketplace. Your committee can take an important step in that direction through a safeguard action that limits the growth in Chinese imports to a more manageable 7.5 percent per year.

"Without action by your committee, thousands of additional jobs will be lost in North Carolina, and the ripple effect will be felt in nearly every community. I urge your Committee to provide leadership by taking the logical step of enacting those safeguards. All we are asking is that North Carolina workers be given a chance to compete in a fair marketplace – under that environment, I am confident we can win."

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